

He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia, a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Engineer Captain's Career Course, and the Engineer Officer Basic Course.

His first duty station was Fort Campbell, KY where he served as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and Assistant Operations Officer in 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division. While there, he deployed to Kosovo with 1-187 Infantry Battalion. Colonel Short was then assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY as the Assistant Operations Officer for 41st Engineer Battalion and then commanded Alpha Company, 41st Engineer Battalion; later Alpha Company, 1st Brigade Special Troops Battalion. During his time in command, he deployed to Afghanistan with 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. After command, Colonel Short served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 10th Mountain Division. He next served as a Project Engineer at Langley Air Force Base, VA with the Norfolk District, United States Army Corps of Engineers. He was subsequently assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg where he deployed to Afghanistan as part of CJTF-82 and served as the Deputy Division Engineer. He then served consecutively as Operations Officer of 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion in 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, Operations Officer of the 20th Engineer Brigade, and Executive Officer of the 20th Engineer Brigade. Colonel Short then served as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General of FORSCOM. Most recently, he commanded the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood for 31 months where he deployed to both Eastern Europe as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve and to the Republic of Korea.

Colonel Short has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and other awards and decorations. He has earned the Ranger Tab, Sapper Tab, Combat Action Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and been awarded the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

I would like to thank Colonel Short for his dedication to public service. Not only was he a great help to me and my staff, but he was also committed to helping the constituents in my district. I applaud him for his distinguished career of service as a dedicated member of the Army Corps of Engineers and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Virginia Wesleyan University

Softball Marlins upon winning the 2021 NCAA Division III Championship. This was no easy task, and it took extraordinary skill, character, and determination to complete this difficult achievement.

This national championship victory is the Marlin's third title in the last four complete seasons, having also won in 2017 and 2018. After having their 2020 season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Virginia Wesleyan returned to the field in 2021 in dominant fashion, winning 46 games while only losing six times and tying once. After seeing the championship series against Texas Lutheran University tied after two games, the Marlins displayed their might, winning the final game with a score of nine runs to one.

It is truly an honor to have such outstanding champions represent our community. I congratulate all the members of the Virginia Wesleyan Softball Marlins on this tremendous accomplishment, and I wish the program the best of luck in the seasons to come.

RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN LYNKEY'S SERVICE TO CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of one Mr. John Lynskey for his service in: educating, coaching and mentoring the young men at Christopher Columbus High School for the last 37 years.

Mr. John Lynskey has dedicated the last 37 years of his life to educating and teaching the students of Christopher Columbus High School what it takes to become a responsible man. What began as a teaching/coaching career in 1984, evolved into a prestigious reputation as one of the schools finest and most respected mentors to thousands of Explorers who have walked the halls of Christopher Columbus. Mr. Lynskey is one of the few Explorers inducted into both the School's main hall of fame and Athletic Hall of Fame; he joins the ranks with several professional athletes including: former NFL Quarterback Brian Griese, MLB outfielder Jon Jay, and Olympic athlete Eddie Alvarez (just to name a few).

Although the entire Christopher Columbus community alumni and students will miss Mr. Lynskey, he is leaving behind an unshakeable legacy. From teaching Social Studies for over thirty years and more recently as the Dean of Students, to having his own Podcast (Looking Back with Lynskey) John Lynskey will be remembered as more than just an educator and administrator but as truly a Renaissance man in the realm of education in the South Florida Community.

John Lynskey will be moving to Macon, GA to be the director of the legendary Allman Brothers Band Museum but will remain active in the Development Department for the school in the years to come.

Moving forward (Adelante).

CELEBRATING LOLITA GUERRERO'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Lolita Guerrero's 80th Birthday.

Lolita is a beloved friend and member of our community, my district, and my staff. She is a longtime Houston community leader, trail-blazer in Latino women rights, and activist. I am proud to have Lolita on my staff because not only is she a leader in the Latino movement, but she truly knows our community, our issues, what moves us, and how to help.

Her service and dedication to our community is incomparable. She is always there to lend a helping hand to my community's Latinos and seniors. She truly cares. She is an inspiring role model for many young Latinas. Ms. Guerrero has advanced the Latino community through her work with LULAC, where she was elected the first woman to serve as the Texas state director.

I am grateful for the years I have shared with Lolita, always working, and committed to our community. I wish her many more years of happiness and achievements.

Thank you for your commitment and service, Lolita. (Gracias por tu entrega y servicio, Lolita.) We are very fortunate to have you in our lives. (Que afortunados somos de tenerte en nuestras vidas.) Happy birthday. ¡Feliz cumpleaños!

REMEMBERING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JEREMIAH JOHNSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION AS AN HONORARY GREEN BERET

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 16, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sergeant First Class Jeremiah Johnson on the occasion of his induction as an honorary member of the United States Army Special Forces, or "Green Berets."

SFC Johnson was an American hero who laid down his life in the line of duty and saved the lives of his teammates on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 in southwest Niger. Assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, he personified the values of honor, integrity, personal courage, and selfless service.

SFC Johnson enlisted in the United States Army in October 2007 and served as a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist after undergoing some of the most specialized training in our military. SFC Johnson served our nation with distinction and valor, and his decorations include the Purple Heart, Silver Star and Meritorious Service Medal.

A role model among his peers in the 3rd Special Forces Group, SFC Johnson represents the best our nation has to offer. His work helped secure and protect our homeland for generations to come and today we honor his sacrifice. While our country can never